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MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS

After Witnessing Sunrise, Cop Suspected Serial Crime

A police officer in a small English village mistook the bright light of the moon for a "suspicious light source" and spent 20 minutes investigating it, the Telegraph reported Tuesday. The officer, on duty alone at night in late August, saw the "shining light" and radioed to his sergeant that he might require backup if he found a crime in progress in Clent, England. After finding no crime, the officer conceded it was the moon. (EXPRESS)

"Perhaps it is best to stay in bed that day and try not to exert yourself too much."

— DAVID EDWARDS, A MANAGING PARTNER AT EDWARDS HOYLE, A PERSONAL-INJURY FIRM IN ENGLAND, SAID THAT JULY 13 IS THE DATE WHEN PEOPLE ARE MOST LIKELY TO SUFFER PERSONAL INJURY, THE TELEGRAPH REPORTED TUESDAY.

ZOMBEEES

Filmmakers Fight Over Rights to 'Hive of the Dead'

Washington state's first "zombie bees" have been reported in Kent after a beekeeper discovered many of his bees were either dead or flying in jerky patterns and then flopping on the floor. The affliction is caused by a small parasitic fly that lays its eggs inside bees so its hatchlings devour the host from within, causing the insects to have a neurological meltdown. (AP)

The Big Picture

DANIEL MIHAILESCU/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



HE MAKES IT LOOK EASY: Professional arm wrestler Ion Oncescu of Romania walks underwater with a 130-pound barbell Sunday in Bucharest. According to organizers, Oncescu broke a world record, walking underwater a little more than 108 feet while carrying the barbell.

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New Polls Give Obama The Edge in Ohio, Fla.

Numbers show fresh obstacles for Romney's campaign

Washington

President Barack Obama has grabbed a significant lead over Mitt Romney in Ohio and holds a slender edge in Florida, according to two new polls by The Washington Post, indicating that there are fresh hurdles in the way of the Republican challenger's best route to victory in the Electoral College.

Among likely voters, Obama is ahead of Romney in Ohio 52 percent to 44 percent. In Florida, the president leads 51 percent to 47 percent, a numerical but not statistically significant edge. Among all registered Florida voters, Obama is ahead by nine percentage points.

The new numbers come one week after a Washington Post poll in Virginia showed Obama with a clear lead there. More than half of all money spent in the campaign



New polls add to President Barack Obama's newfound momentum in swing states.

President Obama has benefited most from the two parties' conventions, sharp exchanges and television ads.

has focused on these three states, and many analysts say Romney has to win two of the three to capture the White House.

The past few weeks have been difficult for the Romney campaign, and the GOP nominee's advisers vowed to hit the reset button this week. But with the first debate

Romney's Chances

There are few plausible ways for Mitt Romney to win the election were he to lose both Florida and Ohio, and even losing one of them would make a path to victory exceedingly narrow. No Republican has won the White House without winning Ohio, and Florida, with its 29 electoral college delegates, may be even more vital to Romney's hopes. (AP)

scheduled for Oct. 3, Romney is under new pressure to get his campaign refocused.

The new polls add to the evidence that Obama has benefited most from the two parties' conventions, a series of sharp, long-distance exchanges and a barrage of television ads. Nationally, polls continue to show a close race but with new-found momentum for Obama in the battleground states that are likely to decide the election.

Both campaigns had thought of Florida as potentially more hospitable to Romney. But Obama's competitive standing there — benefiting, as he also did in the Virginia poll, from a huge lead among female voters — spotlights Romney's recent struggles. DAN BALZ AND JON COHEN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

CENTENNIAL, COLO.

James Holmes to Submit Palm Print, DNA Sample



Holmes

A Colorado judge ordered authorities Tuesday to collect a palm print and DNA sample from James Holmes, the Aurora theater shooting suspect. Prosecutors said they needed the samples to compare with other found evidence. (AP)

DENVER

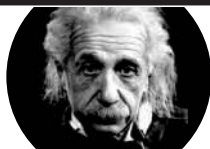
Gay Couple to Sue Over Political Attack Mailer

The Southern Poverty Law Center said it will file a federal lawsuit Wednesday on behalf of a gay couple from New Jersey who say that Virginia-based Public Advocate of the United States used their engagement photo in an attack mailer against a Colorado state lawmaker who supported civil unions. (AP)

NEW YORK

Mom Charged With Being NYC Madam Pleads Guilty

Scotland-born Anna Gristina, the mother of four charged with moonlighting as a multimillion-dollar madam, pleaded guilty Tuesday to promoting prostitution. Prosecutors had said Gristina had a roster of wealthy, well-placed clients in a business that made her millions. (AP)



iGenius: The brain that revolutionized physics now can be downloaded as an iPad app for \$9.99. Launched Tuesday, the app aims to make Albert Einstein's brain more accessible than ever before. A medical museum under development in Chicago digitized nearly 350 slides made from slices of Einstein's brain after his death in 1955, allowing researchers and novices to peer into the eccentric Nobel winner's brain as if they were looking through a microscope. (AP)



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Air Travel Choices Drop

Report: More fees, fewer carrier options for U.S. passengers

Washington

Airline passengers can expect fewer carriers to choose from, fewer flights to smaller cities and more baggage and other fees as the industry continues to grapple with high fuel prices and a weak economy, according to a government report released Tuesday.

The airline industry is still in transition after a tumultuous decade in which bankruptcies and mergers cut the number of airlines accounting for the bulk of domestic flights in half, to just five: American, Delta, Southwest, United and US Airways, the report by the Department of Transportation's inspector general said. If US Airways and American — which are in merger dis-

Cutting Flights

Less competition has enabled airlines to try to offset higher costs by eliminating less profitable flights to smaller cities, the report by the Department of Transportation's inspector general said. Airlines cut the number of scheduled domestic flights by 14 percent between June 2007 and June 2012, the report said. As a result, flights have fewer empty seats, and airlines have been able to increase fares. (AP)

cussions — were to combine, that would drop to four.

There are dozens of other airlines in the U.S., but collectively, those smaller carriers account for less than 15 percent of total passenger traffic. Twelve years ago, there were 10 major U.S. airlines accounting for 90 percent of domestic flights. But high fuel prices, the 2008 recession

and a slow economic recovery have taken a toll, the report said.

In 2000, fuel costs were just 10 percent of airline operating expenses. Fuel costs peaked at 40 percent of expenses in 2008, outdistancing payroll as the airlines' biggest expense. Last year, fuel accounted for 35 percent of expenses.

Last year, the industry attempted 22 fare increases, of which 11 were successful, the report said. Airfare increases are considered successful if competitors also adopt an increase.

Since 2008, airlines have also supplemented their fares by charging a wide range of fees for services that in most cases used to be free. Baggage fees alone contributed \$2.7 billion in added revenue to airlines last year. Besides fees for checked bags, at least two airlines — Allegiant and Spirit — now charge passengers for carry-on bags. JOAN LOWY (AP)

Thousands Greet Suu Kyi in Ind.



MYANMAR DEMOCRACY LEADER Aung San Suu Kyi receives a traditional Chin shawl Tuesday before speaking in Fort Wayne, Ind., during a 17-day visit. Fort Wayne is home to one of the largest populations of Myanmar people in the U.S.

Hearsay



“If there’s one thing we’ve learned in this election season, ... it is that a few words from Bill Clinton can do a man a lot of good.”

— **MITT ROMNEY**, ON TUESDAY AT THE CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE AFTER TAKING THE PODIUM. FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON INTRODUCED ROMNEY AND RECALLED HIS WORK TO SAVE AMERICORPS.

70.3 The amount the Consumer Confidence Index rose to this month, the Conference Board said Tuesday, bolstered by a brighter outlook for business conditions and hiring. It was the highest reading since February, when it was 71.6. (AP)

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World

In Brief



Chinese military officers stand aboard China's aircraft carrier Tuesday.

BEIJING

China Officially Debuts Its First Aircraft Carrier

China formally entered its first aircraft carrier into service Tuesday, underscoring its ambitions to be a leading Asian naval power, although the ship is not expected to carry a full complement of planes or be ready for combat for some time. The announcement had been long expected. (AP)

CAIRO

Muslim Referred to Trial For Tearing Up Bible

Egyptian officials said Tuesday they have referred to trial a Muslim self-styled preacher who tore up a Bible in Cairo to protest an anti-Islam film produced in the United States. Ahmed Mohammed Abdullah and his son publicly showed contempt to religion, officials said. (AP)

SANAA, YEMEN

Leader Gives Conditions For Talks With Al-Qaeda

Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi said he would talk to his country's branch of the al-Qaeda network if it would give up its weapons and extremist ideas and stop sheltering foreign fighters. He said in a speech Tuesday that there was pressure on him from mediators for dialogue with the militants. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG

Labor Unrest Spreads

South Africa's labor unrest spread Tuesday from its mines to the transport sector, and the country's transport union said more than 20,000 road freight employees are on strike demanding a pay increase. (AP)

Obama: All Must Defend Rights

At U.N., president urges action in wake of Muslim protests

United Nation

Confronting global tumult and Muslim anger, President Barack Obama exhorted leaders Tuesday to stand fast against violence and extremism, arguing that protecting religious rights and free speech must be a universal responsibility, not just an American obligation.

"The impulse towards intolerance and violence may initially be focused on the West, but over time, it cannot be contained," Obama warned the U.N. General Assembly in an urgent call to action under-



Meanwhile ...

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday demanded international action to stop the war in Syria, telling a somber gathering of world leaders at the U.N. that the 18-month conflict had become "a regional calamity with global ramifications." Ban said in his state of the world speech that he was sounding the alarm about widespread insecurity, inequality and intolerance in many countries. (AP)

scored by the high stakes for all.

The gloomy backdrop for Obama's speech — a world riven by deadly protests against an anti-Islamic video, by war in Syria, by rising tension over a nuclear Iran and more — marked the dramatic shifts that have occurred in the

past year, when democratic uprisings in the Arab world created a sense of optimism.

The leaders are assembled here as anger still churns over a video that mocked the Prophet Muhammad and helped touch off protests throughout the Muslim world that killed at least 40 people, including

the U.S. ambassador to Libya.

Obama delivered what amounted to a lecture on what he presented as the importance of free speech.

He stressed that just as the "cruel and disgusting" video did not reflect U.S. values, the backlash against it did not represent the views of most Muslims. Still, he said, "the events of the last two weeks speak to the need for all of us to address honestly the tensions between the West and the Arab world that is moving towards democracy."

He said controlling information is obsolete in the Internet age. But he said leaders must be swift to respond to those who answer hateful speech with violence.

BEN FELLER AND NANCY BENAC (AP)

Suffering Continues in War-Torn Syria



A WOMAN CRIES NEAR THE BODY OF HER BROTHER on Tuesday in Aleppo, Syria, one of the primary battleground cities in the country's ongoing civil war. Syrian soldiers fought rebels Tuesday in a firefight that killed nine people and sent several mortars sailing across the border into the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

Clashes Erupt In Spain Over Ailing Economy

Madrid

Spain's government was hit by the country's financial crisis on two fronts Tuesday as protesters enraged with austerity cutbacks and tax hikes clashed with police near Parliament while the nation's borrowing costs increased in an auction of its debt.

More than 1,000 riot police blocked off access to the Parliament building in the heart of Madrid, shutting down traffic at the height of the evening rush hour.

Police used batons to push back some protesters at the front of the march, attended by an estimated 6,000 people, as tempers flared.

Spain is struggling in its second recession in three years with unemployment near 25 percent. (AP)



Time for Change? Last year, when then-President Dmitry Medvedev switched Russia to summer time, most residents didn't see sunrise until after 10 a.m. during the country's bleak winters. The move angered many, and Vladimir Putin promised before reclaiming the presidency in March that he would take a second look at the issue. On Tuesday, he said that Medvedev, who is now prime minister, would consider reversing the change. (AP)

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World

Crackdown on Seas Scuttles Somali Piracy

Hobyo, Somalia

The empty whiskey bottles and overturned, sand-filled skiffs that litter this once-bustling shoreline are signs that the heyday of Somali piracy may be over. Most of the prostitutes are gone, the luxury cars repossessed. Pirates talk more about catching lobsters than seizing cargo ships.

One piracy expert said it's too early to declare victory, though

armed guards aboard cargo ships and an international naval armada have put a huge dent in Somali piracy and might even spell the end of the scourge.

"There's nothing to do here these days," said a pirate in the former pirate haven of Hobyo who gave his name as Hassan Abdi, a high school graduate who taught English before turning to piracy in 2009. "The hopes for a revitalized market are not high."

47

The number of vessels seized in 2010 by Somali pirates, the peak of such attacks in recent years. (AP)

5

The number of vessels pirates have seized in 2012, which officials attribute to international efforts. (AP)

Lt. Cmdr. Jacqueline Sherriff, a spokeswoman for the EU Naval Force, attributes the plunge in hijackings mostly to international military efforts — European, American, Chinese, Indian, Russian — that have improved over time. Ships have also bolstered their own defenses.

"The coasts became too dangerous," said Mohamed Abdalla Aden, a former pirate who returned to his job coaching soccer. (AP)

ODDITIES

Now It's Mom's Turn

A family in Norway hit the lottery jackpot for the third time in six years when the son won more than \$2 million earlier this month. His father and his sister had also picked seven correct numbers to bring in winnings of more than \$1 million each in 2006 and 2010. (AP)

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Cover Story

Officially Outraged

Replacement refs ignite a firestorm after a bungled call in Seattle

Pro Football

Our nation came together Tuesday over a collective outrage, an egregious injustice, a nationally televised attack upon all that is decent and fair in America. As must be clear now to the NFL, if you really want to feel the collective wrath of the American people, just mess with their football.

On Monday night, and well into Tuesday, the nation aimed its anger at the NFL over the controversial ending of the Seattle Seahawks-Green Bay Packers game on ESPN's "Monday Night Football."

Three weeks' worth of criticism and angst over the subpar performances of the NFL's replacement referees — the regular ones are locked out by a labor standoff —

\$300M

The amount that changed hands as a result of the game-ending referee call in Monday's NFL game, Las Vegas oddsmakers said. (AP)

reached a boiling point when the refs appeared to blow the biggest call of the game, awarding the Seahawks a touchdown on the final play, and thus a 14-12 win, when everyone else in the country seemed to know it was an interception.

"Terrible," President Barack Obama said about the game's ending. "I've been saying for months, we've gotta get our refs back."

As inconsistent as the refs have been, there were no obvious cases of a game being blatantly decided on a blown call. But Monday night held the feeling of a tipping point.

Weekend Recap: Foul Plays



Seahawks 14, Packers 12: Officials dispute whether Green Bay safety M.D. Jennings intercepted the ball in the game's last seconds Monday. The referees ruled, and upheld, that Seattle receiver Golden Tate caught the ball.



Ravens 31, Patriots 30

Patriots coach Bill Belichick grabbed the arm of a replacement official — contact that's taboo in the NFL — to demand an explanation after the Ravens won on a questionable last-second field goal Sunday. Belichick said he wanted to know if the play was under review. It wasn't, and he may be slapped with a fine.



Vikings 24, 49ers 13

A replacement ref didn't just make a key mistake by allowing 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh to challenge a play after calling his final timeout. He did it twice in six plays late in the game Sunday. NFL rules require a team to have a timeout to challenge a play, and Harbaugh should not have been allowed to contest the ruling.



Bengals 38, Redskins 31

The Redskins were hit with a false start Sunday with seven seconds left. Officials erroneously indicated there would be a 10-second runoff because of the penalty. Skins offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan berated a referee, getting an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, and officials marked off a 20-yard penalty instead of the usual 15. (AP)



How Did This Happen? The NFL locked out its referees in June after their contract expired. Unable to reach a new deal, the league tapped replacements, most with experience only in lower levels of college football. Pensions remain "the major sticking point" in talks, The Washington Post reports, citing a source who said the referees seek an annual pension contribution of \$38,500 per official. The league wants to replace the pension plan with a 401(k). (AP/TWP)



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

'We're All Fans'

Wisconsin politicians are uniting behind the Packers. Republican Gov. Scott Walker, above, who went after public unions last year, tweeted Monday to call for the return of the NFL's unionized officials. Democratic state Sen. Jon Erpenbach said he saw the irony, but in Wisconsin, "we're all fans, first and foremost."

N.J. May Mull Ban

Stephen Sweeney, a Packers fan and president of New Jersey's state Senate, said Tuesday that he's drafting legislation to bar replacement referees from NFL games and other professional sports in New Jersey. (AP)

With the Seahawks trailing 12-7 and eight seconds left, quarterback Russell Wilson launched a 24-yard "Hail Mary" pass. Packers safety M.D. Jennings appeared to wrest the ball from the Seahawks' Golden Tate — an interception — but a referee signaled a touchdown. The refs reviewed replays — and maintained Tate had shared possession of the ball.

"I love this league and love the game of football," tweeted New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, "but tonight's debacle hurts me greatly. This is NOT the league we're supposed to represent."

"I'm convinced Monday's gaffe was a watershed moment," wrote Yahoo.com's Michael Silver, "and I worry it might trigger a downward spiral that takes on a life of its own."

The NFL in a statement upheld the ruling (but said Tate should have been flagged for pass interference).

The statement gave no indication of when the league might settle its labor dispute. But the NFL and representatives for the refs were negotiating Tuesday, sources said. Those talks had been scheduled before Monday night's episode.

DAVE SHEININ (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Nats Saga With Metro Continues

Md., Va. governors chime in on matter of late-night train service

Washington

The Nats have clinched a playoff berth, and yet the question of how to get Metro riders home from those 8 p.m. playoff-game starts remains unanswered.

Verizon Center officials arranged for the Metro to stay open late for concertgoers who ventured into Chinatown to see Madonna on Sunday and Monday night. After collecting a \$29,500 deposit, WMATA reimburses such ven-



Neither the Nationals nor Metro has answered the question of how riders will get home from the ballpark after 8 p.m. playoff-game starts if the games run late.

ues as Verizon Center — and owner Ted Leonsis — for riders who use the late-night service. According to a tweet from the official WMATA account, the actual cost to Verizon Center for making the Metro available to their patrons on Sunday will be \$1,472.

According to calculations by DCist.com, if 5,504 riders take the Metro home after a late Nats game, the team would break even after WMATA's reimbursement. Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell thinks we should pass the hat to cover the cost if they don't.

"We don't want everyone stranded," McDonnell told WTOP. "We do want to try every way possible to

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The cost to Verizon Center for making Metro available late Sunday night after a concert, according to WMATA.

make sure ... that service is available. Maybe if everyone contributes a little bit ... we'll be able to get this done."

A spokesman for Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley said that using government funds is "something we would explore."

"Maryland is always happy to work with its federal, [Virginia] and D.C. partners to explore improving Metro service," spokeswoman Raquel Guillory told the Examiner. "We're all looking forward to an Orioles vs. Nationals World Series."

SARAH KOGOD (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

D.C. Gets Sales Tax Win

Judge rules city can collect sales taxes on full hotel room rates

Washington

The District of Columbia can collect sales taxes on the rates hotel guests pay for rooms they book through online travel companies, a judge has ruled.

The city has been collecting taxes on the wholesale rates that the companies pay to hotels. It claimed in a lawsuit that companies including Expedia, Orbitz, Travelocity and Priceline owe between \$4 million and \$10 million in unpaid taxes and interest dating back to 1998.

Dozens of similar lawsuits have been filed across the country, and cities have met with mixed success in cases already decided by courts.

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The minimum amount of unpaid taxes and interest from travel companies including Expedia and Orbitz to D.C., per the city's lawsuit claim.

On Monday, Superior Court Judge Craig Iscoe granted summary judgment to the district on portions of its lawsuit, while other portions are yet to be decided. The city can't immediately start collecting taxes because the case is not over. The city is still seeking damages from the firms, which also

could appeal the summary judgment rulings.

"The Court's ruling today is an important step in our efforts to ensure that the district receives the substantial sums it is owed by online companies selling hotel rooms in D.C.," Attorney General Nathan said in a statement.

Joseph Rubin, president of the Interactive Travel Services Association, a trade group that represents the companies, said he was confident the companies would win on appeal if they decided to do so.

The industry contends that the difference between the wholesale rate the companies pay and the rate charged to consumers is a service charge that should not be taxed.

BEN NUCKOLS (AP)

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Herndon, Va.

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Police said they were called to the single-family house in the 13300 block of Point Rider Lane at 10:37 a.m. by a co-worker who was concerned because one of the parents had not shown up for work on Monday or Tuesday. The bodies were found around noon, police said.

Police said in a tweet that there does not appear to be any ongoing threat to public safety. They said the children did not attend school on Monday or Tuesday.

Police did not say how the family of four died. JUSTIN JOUVENAL (THE WASHINGTON POST)



A family of four was found dead in this home in Herndon, Va., on Tuesday police say.



No Freebies: The Washington Nationals are the hottest ticket in town. But it looks as if you won't be able to beseech your elected officials for free tickets, because under the city's agreement with the team, they won't be getting any. City council members and the mayor are guaranteed free seats only during regular season games. For playoff or All-Star games, the city has to pay to keep its usual seats. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Report: More D.C. Students Taking, Passing AP Exams

Washington

An increasing number of D.C. Public Schools students are taking and scoring well on Advanced Placement exams, the College Board reported this week.

More than 2,200 students took at least one AP exam this year, an increase of 25 percent since 2008. The greatest growth was among Hispanic, white and female students.

And though the percentage of “passing” exams — i.e. those that earn at least 3 points on a 5-point scale — in DCPS still trails the national average, it has jumped 40 percent over the past five years.

Those changes come two years

after the school system began requiring all high schools to offer at least four AP courses, a measure meant to extend the high-level courses to more students.

“In our strategic five-year plan, we made it a goal to double the number of advanced students at DCPS,” Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson said in a statement. “With the news in this report, it is clear we are on track toward success. I fundamentally believe our students have the grit and determination to make this district one of the best performing in the country. We are well on our way to proving that is possible.”

EMMA BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Not a Pretty Sight



BILL O'LEARY/TWP

ALGAE IS FORMING ON THE WATER in the newly refurbished reflecting pool by the Lincoln Memorial. The National Park Service did not anticipate such a large amount of algae after a two-year, \$34 million renovation.

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Sept. 25

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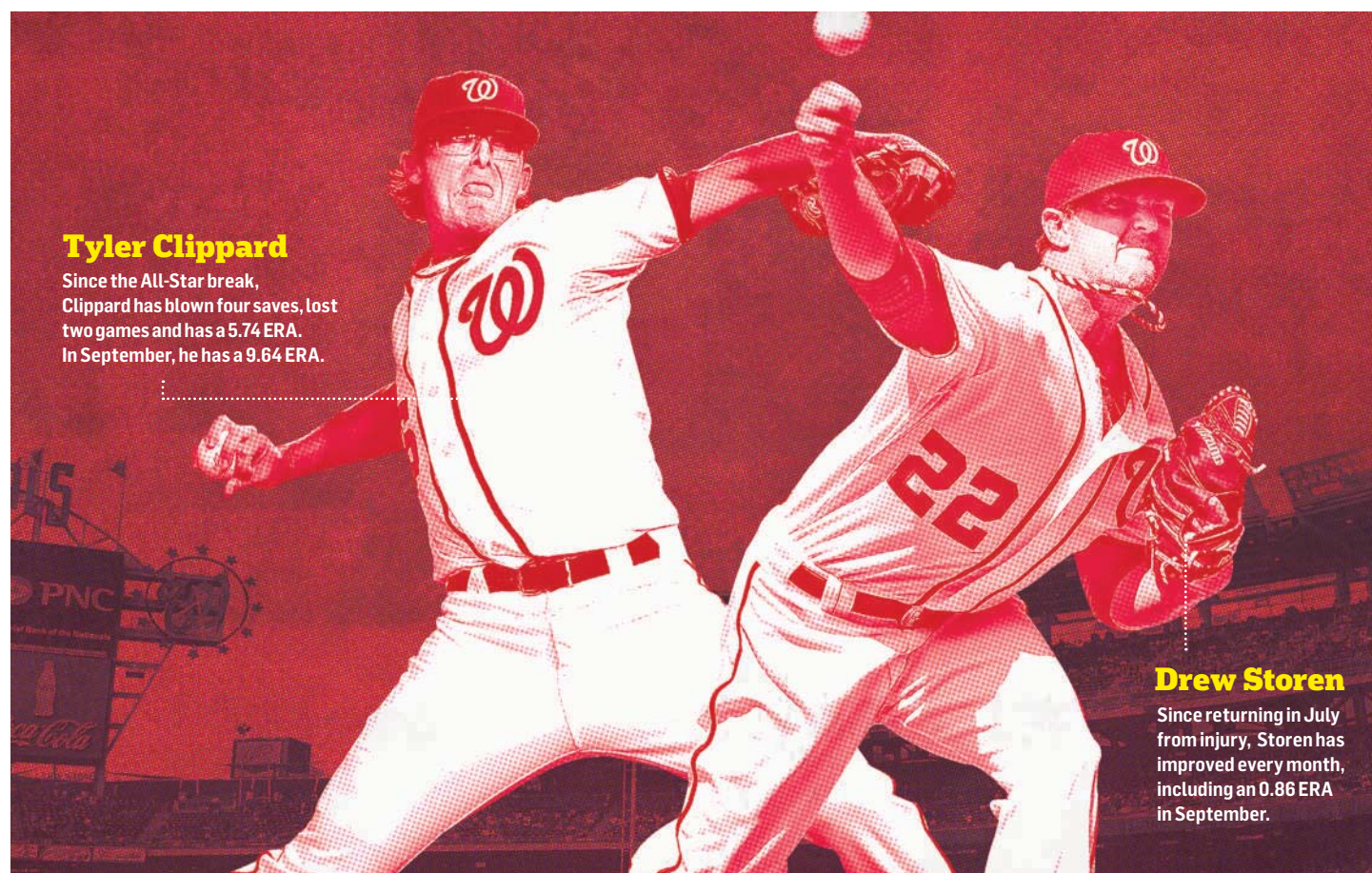
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Evening Cash 5 (Mon.) 8-12-17-27-30



Tyler Clippard

Since the All-Star break, Clippard has blown four saves, lost two games and has a 5.74 ERA. In September, he has a 9.64 ERA.

Drew Storen

Since returning in July from injury, Storen has improved every month, including an 0.86 ERA in September.

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Closing Arguments

As the playoffs near, Nationals face tough call in the bullpen

The Nationals

From the day Drew Storen was drafted in the first round in 2009, the Nationals envisioned him emerging from the bullpen in the ninth inning of postseason baseball.

It is a cruel twist that he has rarely closed this year, the first in which the Nationals have been among baseball's best teams. After he saved 43 games in 2011, elbow surgery during spring training cost him the first half of this season and also cost him the closer's role, which went to his teammate on the field and his roommate off it.

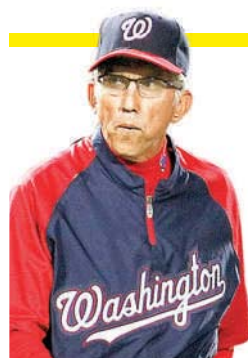
Tyler Clippard, an All-Star as

a set-up man last year, seized the job and for months looked like he had no intention of giving it back to Storen. Now, with the end of the regular season just more than a week away, Clippard's increasingly shaky outings and Storen's resumed dominance appear to have flipped the story. Manager Davey Johnson recently said the two would share the closer job but that he was leaning toward Storen as his primary option.

"You don't have to put a name on it all the time," Johnson said. "The guy that goes out there is the closer that day. How's that?"

As the Nationals opened a series in Philadelphia on Tuesday, Storen was likely to be his choice.

Clippard has saved 32 games this season, but his ERA in September is 9.64. He had surrendered at least one run in four of his past five



Dual Closers

Even though both Tyler Clippard and Drew Storen are right-handed, **Nats manager Davey Johnson** envisions Clippard pitching against left-handed hitters. Clippard's combination of high fastballs and changeups are effective against left-handed hitters. Storen, with his backdoor slider and front-hip sinker, is deadly against right-handers. (TWP)

outings entering Tuesday, leading to two blown saves and a loss.

Storen, meantime, has improved consistently since rejoining the team after the All-Star break. He had a 4.15 ERA in July, then dropped it to 3.38 in August and 0.86 in September. He has not allowed a run in his past 11 appearances.

Throughout the season, Johnson has shown loyalty to his most important players, allowing them

to work through slumps without fretting about losing their job. Most often, his patience has been rewarded.

But Johnson can't afford to go into the postseason overly worried about the security of a ninth-inning lead. "Clip's struggling a little bit, but I have confidence in both of them," Johnson said. "Right now I'm going to go to Storen."

DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Swengali

Coaches Aren't Living Up to Hype

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan

has a reputation as a great game manager, yet Washington keeps blowing timeouts before the fourth quarter.

Similarly, everyone says special teams coach Danny Smith is top-of-the-line. By everyone, I mean every-

body except Redskins fans who've seen two punts blocked this season and generally blasé efforts from the unit since Smith came to D.C. in 2004.

And word on the street is that defensive coordinator Jim Haslett knows how to build innovative schemes that shut down opponents. Yet the Redskins have allowed 101 points in three games, fourth-worst in the NFL.

Barring a turnaround, the Redskins are bound for a third-straight losing season.

I could go on, but you get the point.

The Redskins' coaching staff all made their names elsewhere, and while it's premature to say a shake-up is in order, it's time for this group to start proving its worth in Washington.

Barring an unexpected turnaround, the Redskins are bound for a third-straight losing season under Shanahan.

The losing is one thing, but the repeated errors — be it unsportsmanlike conduct or blown blocking assignments — are getting old.

Shanahan obviously doesn't lack confidence, though his son takes the prize for most overinflated ego in the family. Maybe the father-son team can get the job done here. Let's just see them back up all this talk about how good they are.



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Sports

Mystics Hoping For a Big Prize

Team's fortunes may hinge on winning a shot to draft Griner

Women's Basketball

On Monday, the Mystics shook up their coaching staff and front office. If the WNBA draft lottery gods are kind, the team could welcome an even bigger change Wednesday night when the league reveals the top order of the 2013 Draft.

"Maybe the silver lining of this season could be we get Brittney Griner," said Mystics guard Natalie Novosel, Washington's 2012 first-round pick.

Yes, adding the dominant 6-foot-8 All-American center from Baylor with a penchant for racking up stats and wins is the epitome of big change.

The WNBA's televised draft lottery for its nonplayoff teams takes place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, just 48 hours after the Mystics jettisoned coach and general manager Trudi Lacey. In two seasons under her direction, the Mystics finished 11-57, ending the 2012 campaign with a league-worst 5-29 record and a franchise-high 13-game losing streak.

Landing the imposing Griner

The Griner File



With her 7-foot-4 wingspan and defensive-minded ways, Brittney Griner controlled the paint with ferocity during Baylor's undefeated National Championship season, blocking 5.1 shots per game and altering countless more. Griner added 23.2 points on 61 percent shooting on offense during her junior season. ESPN honored Griner at this year's ESPYs as the Female Athlete of the Year. B.S.

would be the most transformative move the historically suffering franchise could conjure up. Washington's 44.2 percent chance of landing the reigning women's college basketball Player of the Year trumps fellow nonplayoff teams Phoenix, Tulsa and Chicago.

The other projected lottery picks — Delaware's Elena Della Donne and Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins — are no mere consolation prizes. They are just not Griner.

"She's a game-changer, maybe even a season-changer," Novosel said. "You can see she's revolutionizing the college game."

BENJAMIN STANDIG (FOR EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats turn to John Lannan when visiting the Phillies.

ORIOLES (7 P.M., MASN) The O's try to lower their magic number for reaching the playoffs when facing the Blue Jays.

PRO BASEBALL (1 P.M., MLB; 8 P.M., ESPN) The Yanks aim to close in on winning the AL East during their game against the Twins, and later, the Rangers play host to the A's with play-off spots on the line there, too.



RIVALRIES

That's Over

Notre Dame is opting out of its series with Michigan, meaning the last scheduled game between college football's winningest programs will take place in 2014. The move will help the Irish play their five mandated games per year against ACC foes. (AP)

Wizards Take Cautious Approach

Protective team will limit Nene's action at training camp

The Wizards

With expectations set that the Wizards are done with the draft lottery for a while, the team is already thinking long-term with one of its most important pieces.

Brazilian big man Nene, acquired at the trade deadline last year, will likely be held out of two-a-day practices when Washington starts training camp at George Mason University next week, according to team President Ernie Grunfeld.

"We're going to be very cautious, and we're going to take it very slow with him and make sure that he's 100 percent when we put him out there full time," Grunfeld said at



Nene scored 14.5 points per game after being traded to the Wizards last season.

a media event Tuesday.

Nene's presence late in the season proved to be a stabilizing force in the Wizards' locker room. He replaced the talented but immature

Jeval McGee, who, along with guard Nick Young for forward Andray Blatche, was part of a group that never reached their potential.

With former No. 1 overall draft

pick John Wall entering his third year, Washington has made a concerted effort to build a more stable environment for the point guard.

That began with acquiring Nene, who averaged 14.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game with the Wizards last year. In the off-season, Washington added veteran forward Emeka Okafor in a trade and used its first-round selection on highly touted guard Bradley Beal. The Wizards hope the combination means a return to the playoffs after four-straight losing seasons.

Nene played for Brazil during the Olympics and aggravated the plantar fasciitis in his left foot. Grunfeld said he expects Nene to be ready for the regular season, and playing it safe makes sense. "We have all the confidence in the world in him coming back and helping us, just like he did last year," Grunfeld said. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

In Brief

PRO HOCKEY

Labor Talks Scheduled

The NHL and its players' union plan to resume bargaining Friday for the first time since the league's lockout started, but the talks are to focus on noncore economic issues. These will be the first formal negotiations since Sept. 12. **(AP)**

TENNIS

Nadal Unsure on Return

Rafael Nadal still has no timetable for his return from a knee injury, and the 11-time Grand Slam champion isn't sure if he'll play the Australian Open in January. The Spaniard hasn't played since losing in the second round of Wimbledon in June to little-known Lukas Rosol. **(AP)**

OLYMPICS

Agency: Test Athletes Earlier for Doping

On Tuesday, the World Anti-Doping Agency called on the IOC to test athletes further ahead of Olympic competitions to catch drug cheats. An Olympic-record 5,132 tests were conducted after the Athletes Village opened, and eight athletes were caught. **(AP)**



New Way to Bedevil Foes: Duke men's and women's basketball teams are trading in their paper playbooks for iPads. The Blue Devils say they are the first college basketball program to use the Apple gadgets for everything from scouting reports to practice and game video. Each iPad will be loaded with practice schedules, weekly plans, scouting reports, stats and videos. They will have tracking software installed so they can be erased if they are stolen or lost. **(AP)**



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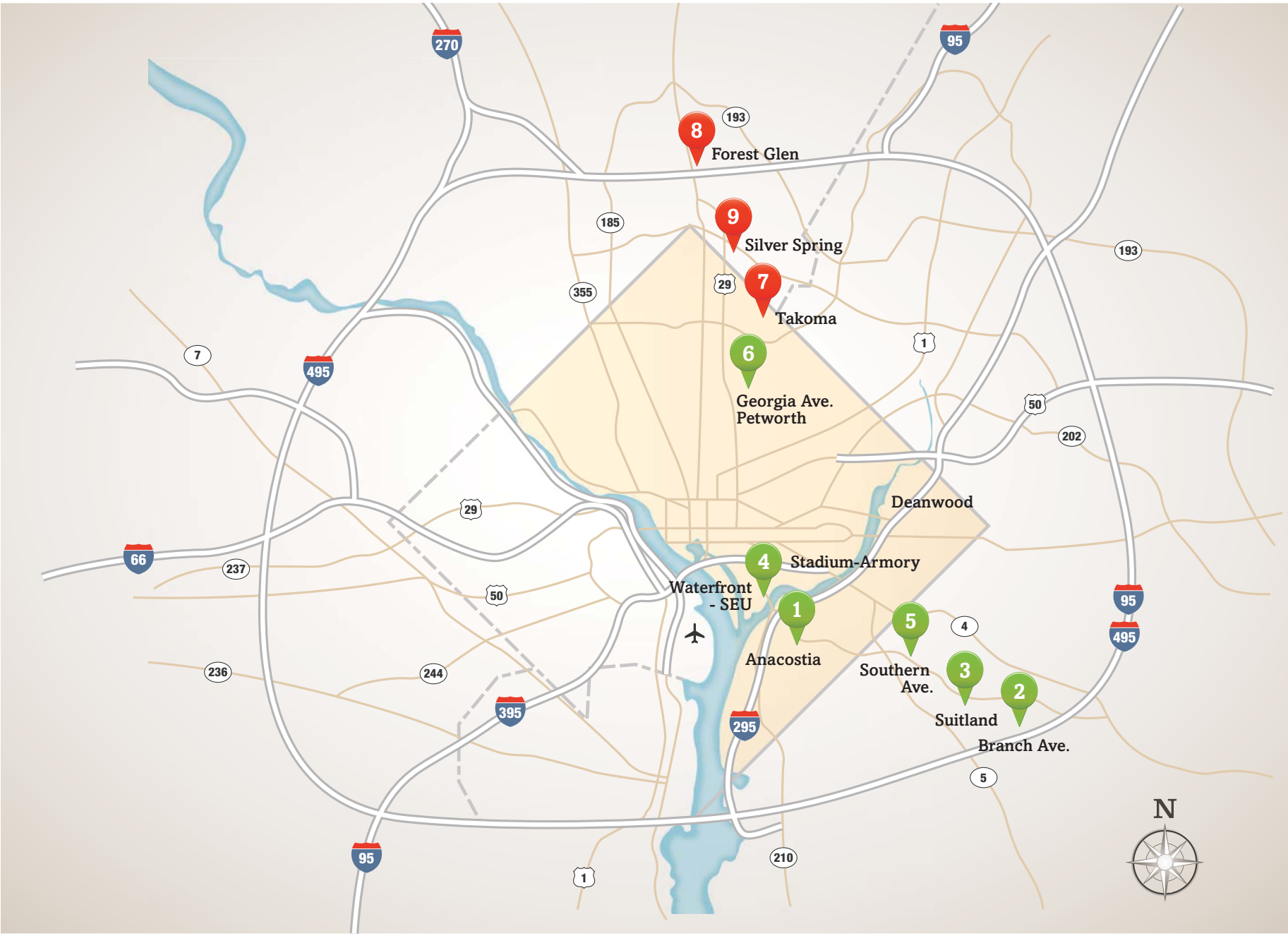
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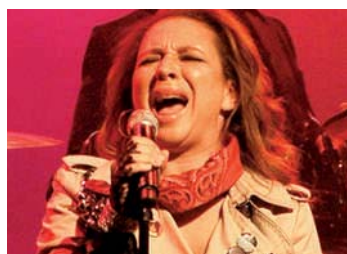
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The Magic Man
David Blaine is back from a hiatus with a new endurance test **31**

Inside Jokes



A Different Tune

Maya Rudolph seemed genuinely excited to sing Prince's "Darling Nikki" with the Roots on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" last week. Though Rudolph is known for her comedic chops, she played the song (almost) completely straight. Rudolph's diva moment got me thinking about some other comedy people who take their



By Rudy Greenberg

music seriously.

► **Donald Glover:** As Childish Gambino, the "Community" star has managed to keep his acting and rapping personas separate.

► **Steve Martin:** Many were surprised to learn that Martin could handle a banjo. He's released two albums of bluegrass since 2009 and continues to tour with a full band, sometimes pleasing die-hard fans with a version of "King Tut."

► **Woody Allen:** Jazz is the sound track for most of Allen's movies, and you can find the clarinet player and his band in Manhattan every Monday night, where they have a standing gig at Cafe Carlyle.

► **Jack Black:** Though he would probably hit you over the head with his guitar if you called Tenacious D a joke band, most people didn't know Black could sing until 2000's "High Fidelity." In it, Black's Barry does a totally serious (and killer) version of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On."

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In a "Key & Peele" sketch, Jordan Peele, right, plays President Obama, while Keegan-Michael Key, left, is his anger translator.

Sketch Artists

'Key & Peele' return with a new skit about Obama's college years

Fall Television

If you haven't seen the "Key & Peele" sketch about President Barack Obama's anger translator, here's a basic outline: The president says something diplomatic, then translator Luther, fitted with brass knuckles and an attitude, tells us how Obama really feels.

The sketch caught fire online and helped make the series' January debut Comedy Central's highest-rated new show since 2009.

On Wednesday, Keegan-Michael Key, who plays Luther, and Jordan Peele, who does one of the best Obamas in the business, return

for season 2 with a new Obama sketch. Presented as a leaked VHS tape from Obama's college years, the skit finds Peele donning an Afro and giving a speech about the importance of diversity — for planning a raging party. Later, he uses the unity of America as a metaphor for rolling a joint. "It's the video Republicans wish they could get their hands on," Peele says.

This season, expect the return of Luther, more parodies and a sketch about Mary Magdalene's pimp. "We're crazy about keeping our audience off-balance," Peele says.

"It's slightly different from some of our other pieces in that it's more accessible. It lays out what we're doing: Here's the concept, here's the funny."

— JORDAN PEELE, OF "KEY & PEELE," ON THE OBAMA ANGER TRANSLATOR SKETCH

You had a short time between seasons 1 and 2. What changed?

KEY: We allowed ourselves more freedom this year to play a little more fast and loose.

PEELE: First season felt like we were trying to discover our voice. Season 2 is more like we're playing in the playground we made for ourselves.

Did you feel like you could take more risks this time?

PEELE: We gave ourselves the freedom to be slightly less racial, for one.

Racial humor was a theme of season 1, which makes sense, considering you're both of mixed race, but it seemed like too much of a focus.

PEELE: For me personally, racial humor was on the verge of becoming a crutch.

KEY: In a perfect world, we just want to write good sketches. We just happen to have melanin in our skin.

What spurred the new Obama sketch about his college years?

PEELE: We've been toying around with this idea of what Obama was like when he was in college. We were talking about him being like the character Stiles from "Teen Wolf." He's the party master; he would have been the one to bring together all the styles and factions. When the tidbits of him being a pothead came out, we realized it was a marriage of perfect things.

Jordan, you've now got serious competition from "Saturday Night Live" with Jay Pharoah taking over Obama. Did you see his debut?

PEELE: No, I missed [it], but I've seen his impression before, and I think it's great. We're friends with those guys, including Fred [Armisen, "SNL's" previous Obama]. People tend to put the impressions against one another, but we all have a strange bond because it's a high-pressure situation to be in.

Do you have a favorite sketch from this upcoming season?

PEELE: There's one scene where I get to play Darius Rucker. Keegan is a guy at the Darius Rucker concert who keeps calling out "Hey, Hootie!" over Darius Rucker, who is now an accomplished country star.

I heard Hootie and the Blowfish were getting back together.

KEY: That's hilarious. This would make our scene ridiculously topical. Sometimes you roll the dice and it pays off. RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

Band of Brothers

'Black Watch' finds creative ways to tell an age-old story

Stage

We'll probably never see "Iraq War: The Musical!" (thank goodness). The lives of soldiers *can* be expressed in song and dance, though, as proved by "Black Watch," now at Shakespeare Theatre. The play, which dramatizes the lives of Scotland's famous Black Watch regiment during its tour in Iraq, veers between a straightforward docudrama and a variety show, with numbers explaining the history and culture of the regiment. Co-director Joe Douglass filled us in.

The Black Watch isn't well known here — is it tough for American audiences to connect to the play? It depends on where you play — in Texas, there was a very pro-military feeling, whereas in D.C., it was more of a thinking audience, standing back a bit more.

The songs are Scottish folk songs, right? Most of the folk-y-sounding songs



Scott Fletcher, center, plays the newbie Scottish soldier Kenzie in "Black Watch."

"Scottish theater, particularly, has a tradition of entertaining, of the music hall."

are old Black Watch regimental songs. These are all songs members of the Black Watch have sung for hundreds of years.

Some of the actors have relatives in the Black Watch, but these guys are actors, not soldiers. How did you get that military physicality ingrained in them?

The original company had a drill sergeant who came in for a little while and did a few sessions with the boys. And there's a fitness regime that kicks in as soon as any rehearsals start.

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We're notorious in Scottish theater. When actors know "Black Watch" is auditioning, they all start hitting the gym. **FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)**

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Marcus Mumford, left, and the rest of his band found fame from hit single "The Cave."

Coming Soon To a Rom-Com

Mumford & Sons opt to stick to a repetitive script with 'Babel'

Album Review

On "Babel," Mumford & Sons sound highly assured in their approach, a quality that would normally serve a band in good stead, but here, such conviction feels misguided.

Much like his peers in Dawes or the Lumineers, frontman Marcus Mumford experiences subtlety as an allergy and expresses his every heartfelt whim with a deep-throated evangelism that belies the extraordinary banality of his lyrics.

On the title track, Mumford

emotes, "Press my nose up to the glass around your heart," which is nonsensical and a little creepy.

On balance, "Babel" is tedious and repetitive in the extreme, resolving time and again to the same



Babel
Mumford & Sons

acoustic guitar, banjo and drums-driven buildup that feels ineffectual either as folk music or indie rock. This is inessential music best suited for the culminating scenes of rom-coms or the occasional cellphone commercial. **ELIZABETH NELSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Today's Top Stops

COMPILED BY FIONA ZUBLIN

1 Piano Man

Back in the '90s, the United Airlines hold-music was Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" over and over and over and over and over again. Anyway, pianist Jack Gibbons (who would never lose your luggage) is playing in celebration of George's 114th birthday; Gibbons is considered THE Gershwin badass, so be prepared to be blown away. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Wed., 7:30 p.m., \$45; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**

2 Who Says Outdoor Movies Are Only For Summer?

Even though summer is over, you can still catch a movie outdoors, and this time, it will be a lot more pleasant since it won't be 5 million degrees outside. The U Street Movie Series is showing "The Pelican Brief," starring Denzel Washington and Julia Roberts. They'll bring the environmentalism and assassination if you bring a blanket and some hot chocolate. **Harrison Field, V St. NW between 13th and 14th streets; Wed., sunset, free; Movies.ustreet-dc.org. (U Street)**

3 Government Waste

Nikolai Gogol's "The Government Inspector" is one of those plays D.C. people get really into because it's about how wasteful and useless government can be. Ha ha! Ugh. It's a little depressing that a play written in the 1830s about government corruption is so recognizable. Shouldn't we have matured a little bit by now? **Shakespeare Theatre's Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; through Oct. 28; \$43-\$95; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org. (Archives)**



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Best Bets

NBC
8:30

Guys With Kids When Chris throws a barbecue to introduce everyone to his new girlfriend, Nick realizes he shares a past with the woman. Meanwhile, Gary fears the worst when he forgets his wedding anniversary.

ABC
9:00

Modern Family In last season's finale, Mitch and Cam were devastated when their latest attempt to adopt a baby failed. On the other hand, Gloria (Sofia Vergara, right) revealed that her motion sickness was really morning sickness. How is the pregnancy going to affect the family? Find out in the season 4 premiere.



CBS
10:00



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Peri Gilpin guest stars as the wife of D.B. Russell, played by Ted Danson, left, who is by his side as he leads the team on a search for his granddaughter, who was kidnapped in last season's finale. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



'THE NEIGHBORS'

Aliens in America

ABC
9:30

The Weavers (Lenny Venito, left and the always-welcome Jami Gertz, center) decide to pack up their three kids and move from their New York apartment to a house in the strange outer realm of Hidden Hills, N.J. Buyer's remorse soon sets in, as it turns out all of their neighbors are part of a marooned alien colony. "The Neighbors" means you no harm; it is merely offering buoyant, slightly creepy entertainment for anybody who doesn't take sci-fi or satire too seriously.

HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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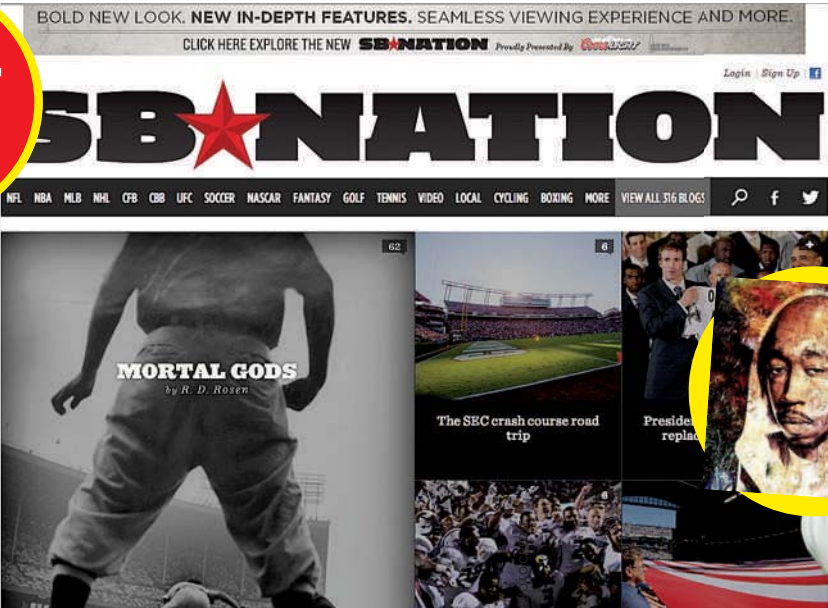
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“All you need to know about Paul Ryan, dude rocks a iPhone belt clip. Really?”

— @JACKSMITH023 isn't impressed with the Republican vice presidential candidate's mobile phone style.

“Ever snoop through a guy's nightstand drawer when he's in the bathroom to find an engagement ring underneath 3 Alcoholics Anonymous books and think, 'OMG, who the hell am I dating?'”

— DATINGINDRESSES.COM is having problems with her latest catch.

“Jesus God in heaven, @sbnation is bold. You want to survive in the post-apocalyptic sports internet, you have to be. Yeesh what a revamp.”

— @HPBASKETBALL was taken aback by the sports blog's dramatic redesign, which features much larger images and an overhauled commenting system.

“The new Freddie Gibbs mixtape is the illegal prescription the doctor ordered.”

— @PASSIONWEISS enjoyed the Gary, Ind., rapper's newest project called “Baby Face Killa,” released Tuesday.

“Can Madonna not hear herself when she talks or something? That's the only way we can explain how her compliments manage to go so terribly wrong.”

— HALLE KIEFER AT VH1.COM was a bit stunned to learn that, at her Verizon Center show Monday, Madonna said, “Ya'll better vote for [expletive] Obama, OK? For better or for worse, we have a black Muslim in the White House.”

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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're gearing up for something big, but you mustn't forget that special someone who needs your time in a different vein.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The way things "should" be is something you may find yourself thinking about more and more as the day progresses. What steps can you take?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may not be in the self-improvement business, but you'll want to take a close look at why you do things and how to do them better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not want to take advantage of any cheats made available to you — but despite the moniker, they are not really against the rules.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can feel things starting to move in a new direction today. Follow along, and see if you can't begin to exert influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's important to know when things are being done for fun, and when they're not — and what the stakes are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may spend much of the day waiting for an opportunity that is not guaranteed. If it doesn't come, you have a backup plan.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The experts are likely to find that you have much to offer, even though by their standards you may still be an amateur.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may experience a sudden decrease in confidence today as a result of a misstep that was, in fact, nobody's fault. Recovery can be swift.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You play your way, and the competition will play theirs — and by day's end, it will be clear which method is the most effective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may not agree with another's findings today, but you have little or no recourse right now. Soon, however, the situation changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you are likely to make mistakes throughout the day, the overall effect of your efforts will be to impress. Rewards come your way.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 208

A ₁	E ₁	H ₄	T ₁	L ₁	N ₁	G ₂

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 RACK 1

A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	T ₁	T ₁	P ₃	S ₁

Double Word Score

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 RACK 2

A ₁	I ₁	U ₁	T ₁	R ₁	N ₁	F ₄

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 RACK 3

I ₁	I ₁	T ₁	F ₄	N ₁	C ₃	L ₁

3rd Letter Triple

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

T ₁	R ₁	O ₁	D ₂	D ₂	E ₁	N ₁
E ₁	V ₄	I ₁	C ₃	T ₁	O ₁	R ₁
D ₂	A ₁	N ₁	K ₅	E ₁	S ₁	T ₁
D ₂	I ₁	O ₁	X ₈	I ₁	D ₂	E ₁

 PAR SCORE 200-210
 RACK 1 = 59
 RACK 2 = 62
 RACK 3 = 67
 RACK 4 = 98
 TOTAL 286

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

MEDIUM

		4		6	1	2		
	1			4	9			
				7		6		4
1	6			4	8			
	9			3			6	
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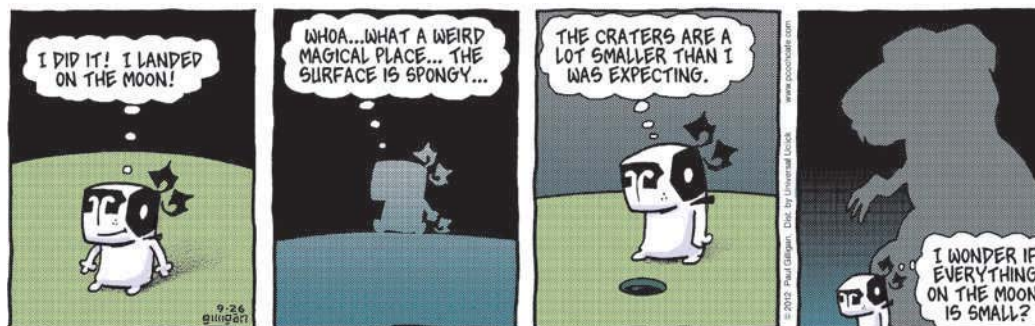
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7	9	4	5	1	6	3	8	2
6	2	5	8	7	3	1	9	4
8	1	3	9	2	4	6	5	7
5	6	8	4	9	2	7	3	1
1	3	9	7	6	5	4	2	8
4	7	2	1	3	8	5	6	9

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast


83 | 66

Today: A thunderstorm this afternoon; breezy. A thunderstorm tonight.


76 | 62

Tomorrow: A couple of showers tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



FRI



SAT



SUN

68 | 62 74 | 62 72 | 60

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:00 a.m.
 Sunset today: 6:58 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 4:54 p.m.
 Moonset today: 3:25 a.m.

Almanac

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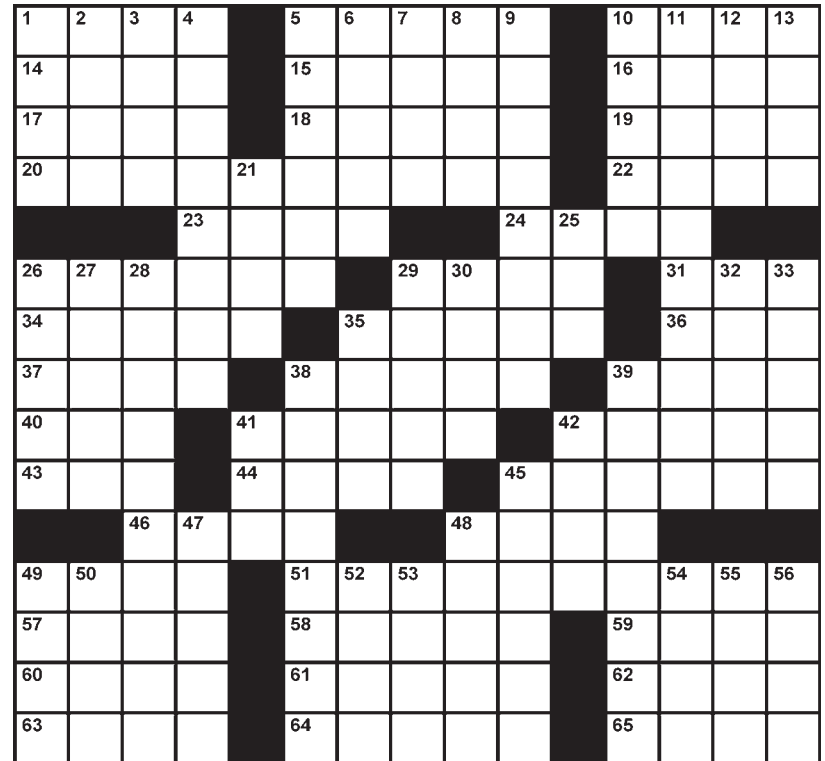
ACROSS

- 1 In ____ (harmonious)
5 Accumulate, as a fortune
10 "... for children of all ____!"
14 "In ____ of flowers"
15 Count of jazz
16 Tug-of-war item
17 Milky gem
18 Tatum or Shaquille
19 Golf tournament
20 Infielder's warm-up exercise
22 Backyard structure
23 Give two thumbs up
24 Canadian Indian
26 Customary ways
29 Aleutian island
31 St. roads, often
34 Borders on
35 Eco-friendly
36 Bikini top
37 Backtalk
38 Safe's partner
39 Plane section
40 The highest degree
41 Jennifer of "Flashdance"
42 United rival
43 ____ Aviv
44 Vex
45 Like Twinkies
46 Work hard for
48 Woodsy aerosol scent
49 Way around London
51 Homer
57 Mickey's teammate
58 "File not found," e.g.
59 White, brown or basmati
60 Entre ____
61 Alternative to purchase
62 Shakespeare's river
63 Makes do (with "out")
64 Bob and Elizabeth
65 Return to health

- 4 Guilty ones
5 Stops prematurely, as a rocket launch
6 Mutt's malady
7 Participating in the America's Cup
8 Thailand, once
9 Picked
10 Prepared to hear "The Star-Spangled Banner"
11 It's hit out of the park
12 Fencer's weapon
13 "You ____ Me" (Sam Cooke)
21 Digs in
25 "Walk, don't ____!"
26 "He ____ got a chance"
27 Ease off
28 Baseball minors
29 As ____ (generally)

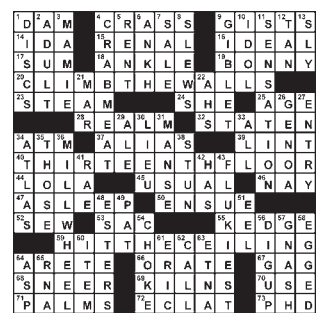
- 30 Billfold fillers
32 Hackneyed
33 Waldorf or Caesar
35 World Cup cry
38 Sitcom about Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer
39 Electronic message of old
41 Shivery sound
42 Merrill of "Butterfield 8"
45 Threads, to a Brit
47 Out of order
48 Ordinary writing
49 Actress Daly
50 Corner piece in chess
52 Cookie favorite
53 Russian river or mountains

- 54 Collapse under pressure
55 Supply and demand subj.
56 Rip apart



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Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1892 John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performs publicly for the first time, in New Jersey.

1960 The first debate between presidential nominees takes place as John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon face off before a national TV audience.

1990 The Motion Picture Association of America replaces the X rating with a new rating, NC-17.

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people **lookout****JERKS****Hey, No Take-Backsies On Hybrid Supercars!**

Justin Bieber did NOT, as previously reported, give his Fisker Karma to Sean Kingston, according to TMZ.com. Unnamed sources tell TMZ that Kingston lied and was only borrowing Bieber's car when approached by reporters over the weekend. The car is back in Bieber's possession, and Kingston says he was just joking. Bieber got the hybrid supercar from his manager, Scooter Braun, for his 18th birthday. (EXPRESS)

**BABIES****Another Good Excuse to Live Off 'Buffy' Royalties**

Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr. have added a boy to their family. Publicist Leslie Sloane says the baby was born in Los Angeles. His name and details of the birth weren't released. The couple also have a 3-year-old, Charlotte. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this month. Gellar and Prinze co-starred in two "Scooby-Doo" films and "I Know What You Did Last Summer." (AP)



"Babies!" "Babies?" "Babies!" "Babies."

**VERDICTS****Judge Rules to Drag This Out Even Longer**

A judge has ordered further review of Chris Brown's community service and travel to determine whether he violated the terms of his probation for the 2009 beating of then-girlfriend Rihanna. On Monday, the judge reviewed Brown's probation record and the impact of a positive marijuana result during a random drug screening before requesting more detail. (AP)



Impressing middle schoolers IS a feat, but he's ready for a new challenge.

PEOPLE WE MISSED MAKING FUN OF**Welcome Back!**

David Blaine is back after a four-year hiatus from big-ticket stunts. He'll be in New York City starting Oct. 5 for a three-day, three-night stunt called "Electrified: One Million Volts Always On." It will be streamed live. A trailer for the stunt shows the 39-year-old endurance artist wearing a futuristic-looking bodysuit in between two conductors. Blaine's last stunt was hanging upside down without a net above NYC's Central Park for 60 hours in 2008. (AP)

Overheard**So ... She Was Hung Over, Yes?**

Lindsay Lohan was briefly hospitalized for asthma, People.com reported. She was "treated and released, and is doing fine," Lohan's rep told People. Michael Lohan told the New York Daily News that his daughter was suffering from a chest infection. Unnamed sources told TMZ.com that Lohan was suffering from "walking pneumonia." (EXPRESS)

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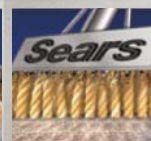


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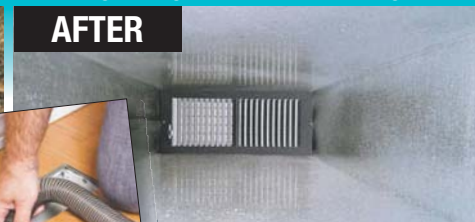
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